

In the Claims

1-66 (Canceled).

67 (new). An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10;
- b) a polypeptide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10, wherein said fragment functions as a growth hormone;
- c) a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10;
- d) a polypeptide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10 that has greater than 85% identity to said fragment of SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 10 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone; and
- e) a polypeptide that has greater than 85% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 10 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone.

68 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:8.

69 (withdrawn-new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:10.

70 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO:8.

71 (withdrawn-new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO:10.

72 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide is a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 and said fragment functions as a growth hormone.

73 (withdrawn-new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide is a fragment of SEQ ID NO:10 and said fragment functions as a growth hormone.

74 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide comprises a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 that has greater than 85% identity to said fragment of SEQ ID NO: 8 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone.

75 (withdrawn-new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide comprises a fragment of SEQ ID NO:10 that has greater than 85% identity to said fragment of SEQ ID NO: 10 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone.

76 (new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide has greater than 85% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8 and functions as a growth hormone.

77 (withdrawn-new). The isolated polypeptide according to claim 67, wherein said polypeptide has greater than 85% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10 and functions as a growth hormone.

78 (new). A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10;
- b) a polypeptide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10, wherein said fragment functions as a growth hormone;
- c) a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10;
- d) a polypeptide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 or SEQ ID NO:10 that has greater than 85% identity to said fragment of SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 10 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone; and
- e) a polypeptide that has greater than 85% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 10 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone.

79 (new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:8.

80 (withdrawn-new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:10.

81 (new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO:8.

82 (withdrawn-new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO:10.

83 (new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide is a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 and said fragment functions as a growth hormone.

84 (withdrawn-new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide is a fragment of SEQ ID NO:10 and said fragment functions as a growth hormone.

85 (new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide comprises a fragment of SEQ ID NO:8 that has greater than 85% identity to said fragment of SEQ ID NO: 8 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone.

86 (withdrawn-new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide comprises a fragment of SEQ ID NO:10 that has greater than 85% identity to said fragment of SEQ ID NO: 10 and wherein said polypeptide functions as a growth hormone.

87 (new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide has greater than 85% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8 and functions as a growth hormone.

88 (new). The composition according to claim 78, wherein said polypeptide has greater than 85% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10 and functions as a growth hormone.